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by Marco Patrone

Mayor Jeffrey's "mudslinging" meant to distract voters from poor record, says Brown

Patrick Brown (centre) fields questions from the media soon after submitting his nomination papers to run in the Brampton mayoral race on July 27, 2018. (Inset) Linda Jeffrey speaks at CTV News in Brampton earlier this week. (Submitted Photo)

Mayor Linda Jeffrey is resorting to "mudslinging" because of her poor record for getting things done in Brampton says mayoralty candidate Patrick Brown.

"A mayor that has to resort to personal attacks is not proud of their own record," Brown told Peel Weekly News.

"If you have to resort to mudsling-

ing, it says a lot. I think it speaks volumes. You'd think as Mayor of the City, if you were proud of your record that is what you'd want to tout on the day the nominations were closing."

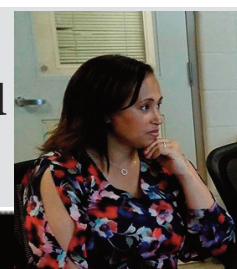
Jeffrey unleashed a series of Twitter attacks against Brown, claiming the former PC Leader was treating Brampton as a "consolation prize" after failing to become premier of Ontario.

"If Mr. Brown was serious about representing our city, he should've invested some time to get to know and be involved in our community instead of using the Mayor's office to rehabilitate his political career," she wrote.

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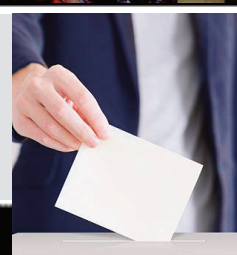
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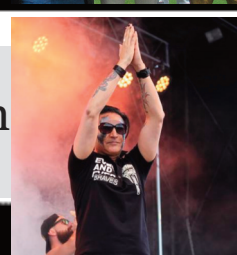
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Brown fires back against municipal rival

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After initially saying he wanted to stick to the issues, Brown hit back against his municipal critics for the first time this week.

"If I was mayor and I was proud of my record about how you've reduced crime, how you've reduced to traffic, how you've brought jobs and investment to Brampton. She didn't say any of that and that's why she's attacking others."

After welcoming Brown to the mayoralty race, Jeffrey tweeted, "We need stable, strong leadership and an ability to work with all levels of government, especially Queens Park. We don't need chaos and someone who will continue fighting old political

battles which will harm Brampton in the long run."

Brown says Jeffrey's barrage of Twitter attacks may be related to their previous partisan battles at Queen's Park.

"She's an old Kathleen Wynne minister, maybe there's some old animosity she's speaking about. The fact that I'm a former Conservative and she's a former Liberal should have no bearing on municipal politics. We should all be focused on what's in the best interest of Brampton." He says the race for mayor should be about who is best able to fix issues facing Bramptonians, not sniping on social media.

"Obviously since she spent the day on Twitter attacking me shows she's more focused on me than



anything else. The reason there's such a thirst for change in Brampton is because people aren't happy

crime is up, aren't happy traffic is at a standstill, aren't happy there's a lack of good paying jobs and

they have to leave town to go to work. That's going to be the ballot question, do we want the same old, same old or do we want a new approach."

Brown initially announced he was running for the position of regional chair for Peel. That all changed when the Ford government cancelled elections for the chair's position in Peel, York, Niagara and Muskoka for the 2018 - 2022 municipal term.

He wouldn't speculate on whether Premier Doug Ford nixed elected Regional Chair positions to undermine his political aspirations, but says he's "disappointed" because he thinks a democratic vote would've served residents better than an appointment. That said, Brown

supports the reduction of municipal politicians in Toronto.

He says he was asked to run in Mississauga against incumbent Bonnie Crombie.

"There were a number of councillors that encouraged me to run in Mississauga but my history and family roots are in Brampton. Going back to where I started was a better path for me to contribute although I was flattered by the calls to run in Mississauga."

Brown moved to Mississauga after his acrimonious split from the Ontario PC Party. He was forced out following allegations of sexual misconduct raised in a CTV story.

Brown is suing the network for defamation.

Candidate knocked out of race after controversy

by Alex Gregory

A candidate running for the Ward 5 municipal election in Mississauga was disqualified earlier this week, after a fellow nominee alleged "irregularities" with the nomination process.

Nikki Clarke, who ran for the provincial NDP riding in the Mississauga-Malton area earlier this year, was disqualified from the process after Carolyn Parrish claimed there were issues with the former's nominators.

"The decision was in the City clerk's hands," said Parrish in an interview with CityNews Tuesday morning, after explaining that she became suspicious after Clarke approached her executive assistant, Danny Singh, and asked for him to sign her nomination papers just before the filing deadline.

While Clarke admitted she did approach people in

the lobby of Mississauga City Hall just before the deadline, she said she didn't know if they were political staff.

Clarke explained that once the discrepancies were brought up with the city clerk, she was required to gather all of her nominators and have them all re-sign her papers within an unreasonably short timeframe.

"I believe that the clerk coming in and being a de facto scrutiniser on behalf of the incumbent did not afford me the amount of time to provide all the information they require," she said to CityNews.

For her part, Clarke admitted that she had several spelling hours and incorrect postal codes, but the former was not immediately known to her.

According to the city's Municipal Elections Act, "the city clerk has until 4

p.m. on Monday, July 30, 2018 to certify or reject your nomination," and notes that the clerk must be satisfied that the candidate is eligible. If the candidate isn't certified, a final decision is made to remove the candidate's name from the ballot.

The story came to light Monday morning after Ward 1 school trustee candidate Catherine Soplet (and one of the nominators for Clarke) was messaged by Parrish asking her to clarify her last name.

"I thought it was unusual to be contacted on a Saturday afternoon," Soplet said in an interview with Peel Weekly News, noting that her maiden name is Ricketts and she made it clear that her name was on the voting record.

Parrish reportedly became aggressive and said she was "disappointed you

would support an opponent of mine."

"When (Parrish's) tone became unpleasant, I blocked her," said Soplet.

Municipal election laws

state that any information submitted through nomination forms can be accessed and reviewed by the public, including city councillors..

Though city staff say there

is no way to appeal the city clerk's decision, Clarke said she will try to get her name back on the candidate list.



Nikki Clarke, alongside federal NDP leader Jagmeet Singh, meets with representatives from Malton Community Services earlier this year. Clarke was disqualified from the Ward 5 municipal race over claims from Carolyn Parrish that there were irregularities in her application. Clarke has promised to fight the decision. (PWN File Photo)



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On your mark, get ready... campaign!



Peter Whitaker
Publisher

The chance to run for local council closed last Friday, and some 135 candidates have put their name forward to run in this October's election.

What does this mean? If you're not an incumbent, you should get familiar with the process of name recognition, very quickly.

We just witnessed the end result of the provincial election last month, and social media played a large part of it, alongside standard outreach strategies like door knocking.

Now it's time to roll up those sleeves and go to work.

At some point during

this campaign, you will likely to get a knock on your door from either a ward councillor, a regional councillor or school trustee.

These people are all wanting a job to work for you for the next four years.

Don't ignore them! Give them just a few minutes of your time to find out what they will do for your area, ask them specific questions you have in regards to your area, parks, roads garbage, water and other essential services.

There is so much we all have to be concerned about, and if you don't ask, don't be disappointed at the results this October. It pays this year to do your due diligence.

Traditional election

turnout for municipal elections has always been poor, and it's time to

change that.

Take an interest this time around, because so

much is at stake in all areas of Peel. Your vote can make a big difference.



Jeffrey unleashes anti-Brown Twitter storm

by Marco Patrone

Donald Trump would be proud. Brampton Mayor Linda Jeffrey unleashed a Twitter storm savaging rival candidate Patrick Brown, who is now running in the upcoming municipal election. The social media barrage was not unlike the tact used by the U.S president to pummel political opponents.

Jeffrey's criticisms are reminiscent of the former Stephen Harper government's attack ads against Michael Ignatieff, portraying the Liberal as little more than a selfish carpetbagger who "didn't come back for you."



Linda Jeffrey @LindaJeffrey

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We need stable, strong leadership and an ability to work with all levels of government, especially Queens Park. We don't need chaos and someone who will continue fighting old political battles which will harm Brampton in the long run.

She contrasted Brown's entrance into the race with her own time spent living and working in Brampton.



Linda Jeffrey @LindaJeffrey · Jul 27

Compare this to my 35 plus years of living, working and volunteering in Brampton as well as representing constituents on City Council and in the Legislature prior to being elected Mayor.

4 10 50

Show this thread

Some respondents agreed with Jeffrey on her Twitter feed.



MASTERJI @RimpySangrur · Jul 27

Replying to @LindaJeffrey

Bramptonian won't accept an outsider to run the city. Brampton has lots of good leaders. I am just wondering why Mr Brown is not running in his own area.

@BmptGuardian

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Christina @Christweeta · Jul 27

Maybe too many people know him there...

Others appeared to echo Brown's sentiments that Jeffrey's record is nothing to brag about.



Elaine @elainedomsy · Jul 27

Replying to @LindaJeffrey @kemosite

What happened with the LRT?
Hmmm. Cycling infrastructure? Anywhere?
Animal control actually being able to@act on neglect reports?
Downtown clean up.
The escalation of crime?

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One person, at least, welcomed the pitched battle between the two.



PATRICK @tankertanker · Jul 27

Replying to @LindaJeffrey

I love this...nothing like a good old street fight....sit back brampton and enjoy.....

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Anti-Trumpism alone won't propel Trudeau to victory next year



Marc Patrone
Columnist

Now that the EU and Donald Trump have established a framework for talks aimed at avoiding a trade war, the pressure will mount on PM Justin Trudeau to make similar headway with the Americans.

That is especially true once Trump begins extracting concessions from the Chinese, which he no doubt will get.

As tempting as it may be for Trudeau to try, with the help of a compliant media, to ride anti-Trump sentiment on this side of the border into the next election, he'd be wise to resist it.

This publication was the first to openly point out the Trudeau strategy of exploiting ginned-up loathing of the U.S. president to score political points in Canada, and frame Conservative leader Andrew Scheer as 'weak' on Trump in the process.

Your humble scribe has argued Liberals will make the case we need Justin Trudeau to stand up to mean old Trump and frame Scheer as weak; as someone who would give away too much in negotiations with

the Americans.

Now that everyone from Max Bernier to the Washington Post to former PM Stephen Harper is saying basically the same thing, I can add with confidence, the strategy will fail in the long term.

If Trudeau studied economics instead of drama, he'd realize, as strategy goes, anti-Trumpism will soon be subject to the law of diminishing political returns, especially if Trump keeps winning on the economy.

Trudeau may have been able to change the channel on the groping issue, but riding anti-Trump sentiment until next year's election is a lot to ask even with his army of CBC fanboys behind him.

By every metric, whether it's on energy pipelines, the hemorrhaging of billions in investment capital, trade, jobs (-31,000 full time positions last May), the ongoing migrant crisis, and mounting domestic security concerns, the Trudeau government has been a failure.

Meanwhile, Trump is succeeding on the economy because he's doing all the right things to help American workers: lowering taxes, lessening the regulatory burden, unleashing the energy sector, and using the hammer of higher tariffs to demand better access to foreign markets.

Lower corporate taxes have led to increased investment and rebates which filtered down to millions of workers.

All that is translating into greater demand for domestic manufacturing workers, which has shrunk the labour pool and raised wages. Who needs minimum wage increases when you can rely on a strong economy to drive higher demand for workers and push wages higher without the need for the

dead hand of government intervention?

All Trump is doing is growing the economy at a rate of over four per cent, boosting manufacturing jobs, striking favourable trade deals and improving the lives of American workers. Compared to Trump's record, Trudeau's is pathetic and he knows it.

The five-point poll boost he got picking a fight with Trump at the G-7 will evaporate with the summer heat, especially if the U.S. economy continues to leave ours in the dust.

With the threat of auto tariffs

looming over their head, the EU is ready to lower tariffs on U.S. exports of liquefied natural gas and farm products to Europe. All that while Justin Trudeau goes surfing. Is the media driven 'Trump-hate' going to help the Liberals change the channel on that?

They'll try, but Trump is doing a lot more for his people than Trudeau is doing for Canadians. Here the talk is all about ramming carbon taxes down our throat and attacking Doug Ford for doing exactly what he was elected to do, easing the burden of bloated government on taxpayers.

How, exactly, are higher energy costs and more politicians on the payroll going to help the 'middle class', which Trudeau keeps talking about?

Trump isn't just talking about helping the 'middle class' - he's doing it. Instead of paying attention and getting schooled on how to run an economy, Trudeau is taking 'personal days'.

Everything Trump is doing, and succeeding at, is anathema to the tired, failed Liberal mantra of bigger government, higher taxes, wealth redistribution, open borders, choking regulatory burden and ill-ad-

vised taxpayer funded pipeline deals.

It's possible, for all their failures, the Liberals may yet be able to ride anti-Trumpism to electoral success, but they'd have to rely on a supremely un-informed electorate to do it. I don't believe it will be enough.

Despite the mounting deficit, Trudeau will have to unveil a huge entitlement ahead of the next election aimed at lighting a fire under his fading millennial base, an initiative possibly related to student debt or a guaranteed income.

The Liberals will have to do something splashy, expensive and insanely unaffordable to get the same people to the polls as last time, especially given the groping allegations.

Anti-Trumpism alone won't cut it. If Trump keeps winning and Trudeau's little anti-Trump boost in the popularity polls disappears, the Liberals will look increasingly desperate trying to ride that dead horse for another 15 months or so.

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There will be no curbside waste collection on Aug. 6. Waste will be collected one day later. Residents wishing to check their collection schedule can visit peelregion.ca/waste.

Most major malls, including Square One, Bramalea City Centre, Erin Mills Town Centre, Heartland Town Centre and Dixie Value Mall, among others, will be open but may be running on modified hours.

Certain businesses, including movie theatres,

grocery stores and pharmacies, will also be operating on normal business hours.

A number of City services will be unavailable or will operate under reduced service levels. Residents will not be able to apply for marriage licences, pay parking fines or apply for permits in person during this time.

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For other Region of Peel holiday hours, visit peelregion.ca.

Municipal candidates tag-team for council run

by Alex Gregory

A pair of local volunteers and city advocates have banded together in an unusual move -- a tag-team campaign to go after both the local and regional council chairs in Brampton Wards 1 & 5.

Rowena Santos (city councillor candidate) and Paul Vicente (regional Councillor candidate) announced the move early Tuesday morning, lending a shot in the arm to an already-packed ward race that will see more than a dozen candidates vie for the two positions.

In an interview Tuesday, both candidates said that after listening to concerns from local residents, they both agreed that they could do more if they combined their efforts and decided to work together on the campaign.

The city's current representation has been out of touch with local needs and priorities, said Santos.

"Brampton has outgrown its small town status," Santos, a mother and director with the Ontario NDP, explained.

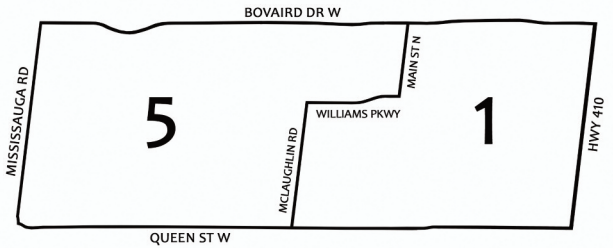
"We need councillors who will actively engage with constituents and take swift action to move our city forward.," she said.

Both candidates say that they will be sharing their vision and priorities for the community in the days ahead, and are both looking forward to bringing change to the area.

"It is time for Council to end its political games and to start putting Bramptonians first. We need a team that will address crime, gridlock, and improve the local economy," says Vicente.

The list of candidates running against Santos for the city councillor seat include Sanjeev Bansal, Princess Boucher, Abdul Qayyum Chaudhry, Imtiaz Haider, Harmanpreet Mankoo, Karanjit Singh Pandher, Don Patel, Joe Pimentel, Daryl Romeo and Josephine Tatangelo.

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PEEL WEEKLY NEWS BUSINESS

Rack takes over commercial division at Brampton's MDA Robot-

Two weeks after MDA Robotics acquired an electro-optical firm in a bid to boost their products and systems in the space exploration sector, the Brampton business announced that Michael Rack will be taking over their commercial division, beginning next month.

Rack, a 23-year veteran of aerospace and space commercial roles, will be responsible for spurring growth and operations of the company's product lines, including those of the recently-acquired Neptec Design Group, and will report directly to MDA president Mike Greenley.

Rack is a proven business leader in aerospace,

defence, and space commercial products, Greenley said in a statement earlier this week, and has helped drive top and bottom line growth.

"Michael brings the right skills at the right time for the next phase of MDA growth," Greenley said.

In his most recent position as Senior Vice President at Inmarsat, Rack led two of Aviation's Core Businesses. Prior to Inmarsat, he worked for General Dynamics Mission Systems, where he was Vice President of international sales.

Rack said he was proud to be returning to Canada to lead the division.

"It is an exciting time of

transformation in the space industry, as new commercial markets open for satellites, on orbit servicing, space exploration, space mining, space manufacturing, and even space tourism," he said.

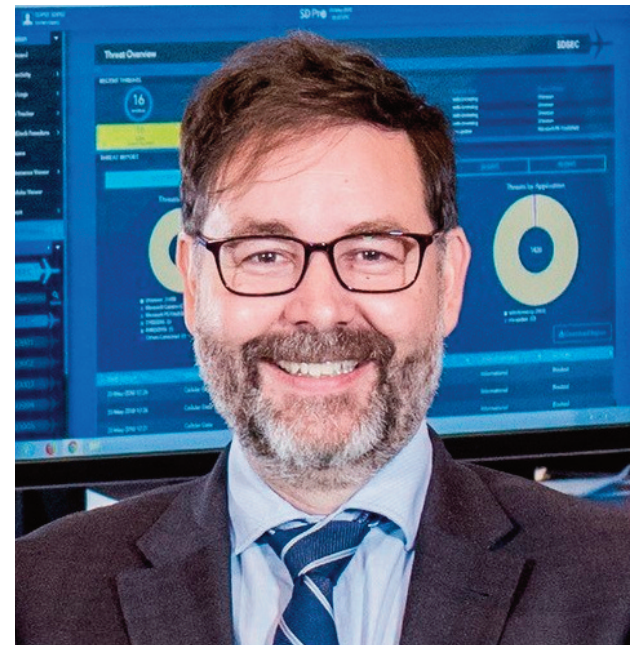
MDA is one of the city's biggest employers, with more than 400 workers in Peel, and has its offices on Airport Rd., near Williams Parkway.

The company has been recognized as one of the country's most successful technology ventures, with locations in Richmond, Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax and the United Kingdom.

Founded in 1969, MDA has been a leading supplier of actionable mis-

sion-critical information and insights derived from multiple data sources, as well as projects in the fields of space robotics, space sensors, satellite payloads, antennas and subsystems, surveillance and intelligence systems, defence and maritime systems, and geospatial radar imagery.

Its predecessor company, Spar Aerospace, developed the iconic Canadarm and other robotic technologies used on the Space Shuttle missions and on the International Space Station, where Canadian robots operate the station and resupply astronauts on board.



Thousands of residents packed into Jollibee's Mississauga location for its grand opening this past weekend, along with special guests including local MPPs and Premier Doug Ford.

The location is Jollibee's first location in the city, and the fourth location in Canada, following similar openings in Toronto and Scarborough. Devoted fans waited in line for hours to enjoy the Filipino chain's fried chicken, spaghetti, peach mango pie and much more. The company plans to open 100 locations throughout the country over the next five years.

(Photo Courtesy of Office of the Premier)

Brampton's Lundy Village gets wi-fi boost

Better wireless service is coming to the Lundy Village residential area and for commuters travelling between Brampton's downtown core and Mount Pleasant GO Stations, Rogers Communications announced late last week.

The move aims to give customers a better wireless experience by giving customers access to more reliable and consistent wi-fi signals, as well

as improve signals for customers driving or on the go.

The enhancements are part of a national plan to improve wireless services, via the introduction of the Gigabit LTE network and 5G technology.

"Our customers want high quality wireless access wherever they are, whether it's working on the go as a commuter on the train, shopping at a nearby retail area or even just using their device in their

own backyard," said Arnold Abramowitz, Vice-President, Wireless Access Networks at Rogers Communications. "We are on the brink of the next generation of network technology, so these wireless enhancements not only connect customers in Brampton to the moments that matter most in their lives today, but they also prepare our network for tomorrow."



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Let's return some civic pride to the city



Bruce Marshall
Weekly Column

As I mentioned last week tha by the time the column dropped, I would be a candidate for the Regional Council position in Wards 7 – 8 in Brampton.

This is a big ward comprising most of Bramalea south of Bovaird and right over to the Brampton-Vaughan border in the East.

I must say that I am grateful to Regional Councillor Gael Miles for her encouragement and support.

Back in January, we had a coffee and discussed her strong support for me running. At that point, she was continuing to run and I would run for the city position.

But as the year wore on, Gael decided that it was time to pull the plug and retire. So goals shifted. She wanted me to run in her place. I was very flattered that she considered me worthy as her replacement. (If such were to happen at the polls.)

I can tell you that public service is in Gael's blood.

I don't think I tell tales out of school by revealing that up until the the deadline –

Gael was thinking of refilling to run again.

I'm so very flattered by the kind words of encouragement I've had from thousands of people. I'm also moved by those who have told me they were afraid with Gael retiring that nobody worthy of Gael's legacy would come forward.

I have got to say how grateful I am to Gael Miles for her personal endorsement! Gael doesn't give this lightly! Indeed, I don't believe Gael has ever endorsed a candidate – perhaps once.

I do remember in the last election she had a legion looking for her endorsement – including one who begged in a rather servile fashion. But no – not a peep.

We have a lot to do in Peel, Brampton and in Wards 7-8. We need to build a safer, more inclusive community where youth are valued. We need to build a future-ready, sustainable Brampton.

2040 is but a blink away. And we need to return leadership, integrity and vision to Brampton City Council.

As I get ready to close this column off, I see that Money Sense magazine has just issued its top places to live in Canada. They mix the rankings up quite a bit, but the

one thing that remains constant is that Brampton – OUR vibrant Brampton, the ninth largest city in the country - doesn't appear *anywhere* on their lists. **Anywhere.**

We don't even make the Top 10 for New Canadians

list – even though many new Canadians land here.

This is what needs to change over the next four years. The standing-still and doing nothing that characterized this last council needs to change.

We need a return to lead-

ership, integrity and vision on Brampton council – from the four years of sad, self-serving politricks that have characterized the past four years in Brampton.

Restoring true leadership and integrity is an awesome responsibility – and I am so

flattered that so many believe I am up to this challenge.

In Wards 7 - 8, we have some 113,000 people. These Wards alone are the size of Kingston, Kanata, Guelph and almost as big as the entire City of Barrie. Brampton is the ninth largest city in the country.

Peel, now with near 1.5 million people, is the third largest urban area in the country after Toronto and Vancouver. We're HUGE by every measure.

We've got to stop thinking like we're Toronto's dormitory. And we've got to start getting on some of the country's "best of" lists. We need to turn this town around! Let's return PRIDE to Brampton!

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PEEL WEEKLY NEWS SPORTS



Local pub raises much-needed funds for Heart House Hospice

by Alex Gregory

The Brogue Irish Pub in south Mississauga held its annual Charity Golf Classic last month in support of Heart House Hospice and in memory of Brogue Robert McEvoy.

An enthusiastic group of 84 golfers experienced a day full of sunshine and amazing course conditions at Pipers Heath Golf Club in Milton, before travelling back to pub for a dinner and prize giveaways.

More than \$3,000 was raised during the tournament to benefit Heart

House Hospice, the province's largest community hospice and a critical provider of care, grief and bereavement support for residents throughout the region.

Each year, more than 1,000 individuals who are living with a life-limiting illness and over 3,000 loved ones receive home visits, participate in day wellness programs, children and youth grief programs, complementary therapies and other outreach programs.

"It is because of these community champions and people like (the Brogue) that Heart House Hospice can provide support, compassionate hospice care to individuals who choose to live their last days in the comfort of their own home rather than in a hospital," the organization said in a statement Monday.

"Together, we are making a meaningful difference in individuals' end-of-life experiences and their loved ones."



Accessible Baseball Diamond a Great Addition to Bolton Camp

by Sylvia Jones

On July 10, I had the pleasure of visiting Bolton Camp to help officially open the Challenger Baseball Diamond. On hand was the Caledon Challenger Program, the Bolton Braves Baseball Association, Jays Care Foundation, Town of Caledon and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to mark the occasion.

The new baseball diamond will serve as the home for the Caledon Challenger Baseball team and includes

accessible dugouts and wheelchair friendly surfaces.

Challenger Baseball provides children and youth with cognitive and/or physical disabilities to play baseball. No score is kept during the game and able-bodied "Buddies" are assigned to each participant. These "Buddies" assist the Challenger players in the game by pushing their wheelchairs or providing protection for the Challenger player from batted balls.

The new diamond was made possible thanks to \$150,000 in funding from the Jays Care Foundation and a partnership with the TRCA and Town of Caledon.

Jays Care made the night a special event by outfitting the players in jerseys and hats, walk-up songs and play-by-play coverage.

The accessible baseball diamond is an excellent example of what can be done when private and public organizations work collaboratively to bring positive

change to our community.

As the newly appointed Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, it is exciting to see fantastic initiatives like this move forward. It is also a key step in the Toronto Region and Conservation Authority's plan to revitalize Bolton Camp. Bolton Camp was a campsite operated by Family Services Toronto but was closed in 1999.

The TRCA's plan includes reconstructed cabins which can accommodate pop-up shops, studios, programs or meetings, and other multi-purposes spaces, as well as a trail which was opened announced in honour of Murray Stewart thanks to the support of the Rotary Club of Bolton.

I encourage anyone who knows someone with an intellectual or physical disability to look into registering for Caledon Challenger Baseball.

Visit www.boltonbraves-baseball.com to learn more.



Peel Police Hold Slo-Pitch Tournament for Fallen Officer

Last Thursday, Peel Police honored one of their own during the first annual Tristan Kettles Memorial Slo-Pitch Tournament.

Officers from 11 Division raised over \$2,500 in honour of Constable Tristan Kettles, who passed away last year at the age of 25.

Kettles started his career as a Police Cadet in 2011, and would later go on to graduate from The Ontario Police College in 2014 to become a Constable at 11 Division, where he served for four years.

Having participated as a member of the Peel Regional Police Pipe Band and volunteering countless hours of his time to numerous causes in the community, Kettles had a lasting legacy through all officers that were fortunate

enough to work alongside him.

All proceeds from the tournament will be given to Wounded Warriors Canada, which provides support services and programs for Veterans, Armed Forces members, First Responders and their families.

"It was a great day for friends, family and colleagues to get together to remember and pay tribute to Tristan," said tournament committee chair Sgt. Paolo Carretta. "You only had to meet him once to realize what a great person he was."

Steven Topham from Wounded Warriors Canada made an appearance to thank the tournament committee and participants for their efforts.





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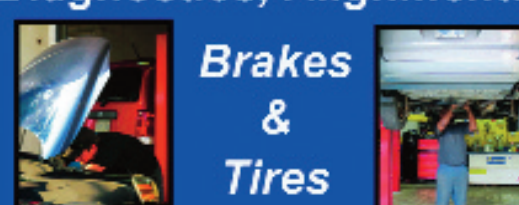
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Is This The Year Calgary Finally Gets Over The Hump?

by **Aldo Ferrone**

After the last two regular seasons, I am guessing the Calgary Stampeders might be thinking to themselves how else can they possibly lose a Grey Cup game?

Despite being the class of the regular season in both 2016 and 2017, the Stampeders came away empty in both Grey Cup games.

In 2016, they were by far and away the class of the league, completing what was considered one of the greatest regular seasons in CFL history. If they had won the Grey Cup, they certainly would have been in the discussion as one of the greatest teams ever.

After finishing with a regular season record of 15-2-1, which included a loss in a meaningless game in the season finale against the Montreal Alouettes, the real Calgary Stampeders came to play in the West Final destroying the B.C. Lions 42-15 in a game that was never in doubt.

Their opponents in the Grey Cup would be the 8-9-1 Ottawa Redblacks.

Calgary entered the game as 9 point favourites, however, they also entered the 2014 Grey Cup as 8.5 point favourites against the Hamilton Tiger Cats and ended up squeaking out a 20-16 victory, thanks in

large part to a Hamilton punt return for a touchdown that was nullified by a penalty late in the game.

In the 2016 Grey Cup, Ottawa came out firing on all cylinders jumping out to a 27-7 halftime lead. Despite the Stampeders certainly having the firepower to mount a second half comeback, the Redblacks were out to prove the first half was no fluke.

Nevertheless, the Stampeders stormed back in the second half and ended up forcing overtime with 10 points in the final 2 minutes to tie the score at 33. Calgary could have avoided overtime when they faced a second and goal at the Redblacks two-yard line.

Instead of the logical move to give it to 6'3" 254-pound back Jerome Messam, the Stampeders went with a sweep by rookie back-up QB Andrew Buckley.

A shoestring tackle by Abdul Kanneh forced the Stampeders to settle for a field goal to tie the score.

Unfortunately, the comeback fell short as the Stampeders would go on to lose 39-33 in one of the greatest Grey Cup games ever, flushing an otherwise incredible regular season down the drain.

Despite the incredible sec-

ond half comeback, it was QB Bo Levi Mitchell's 3 interceptions that will haunt him throughout the off-season.

As you can imagine, the loss left the Stampeders with

in the backfield, Seattle instead tried a quick slant which was intercepted by Malcolm Butler.

New England would run out the clock from there and win their fourth Super Bowl



a lot of soul searching to do, especially Head Coach Dave Dickinson after his call on second and goal.

It somewhat resembled the squandered opportunity by the Seattle Seahawks against the New England Patriots in Super Bowl 49.

With a second and goal on the New England one-yard line, and Marshawn Lynch

by a score of 28-24.

The 2017 season would see the Stampeders once again race through the regular season with a league best 13-4-1 record.

While they had an easy time of it in the 2016 West Final, this time they would face the 2015 Grey Cup champion and provincial rival Edmonton Eskimos.

In a see-saw battle that saw the Eskimos jump out to a first half 14-0 lead, the Stampeders would claw back to win 32-28 to set up a rematch of the 99th Grey Cup against the 9-9 Toronto Argonauts.

The Stampeders would enter the game as 7 point favourites, however, they were 9.5 point favourites the previous year and we all know how that turned out. Calgary was determined not to let history repeat itself.

This time, the Stampeders came out strong and lead 17-8 thanks mostly to their ferocious league best defense.

The weather was less than ideal with flurries falling on and off throughout the first half. It looked as though the Stampeders would atone for their shocking upset in the 2016 Grey Cup.

However, Toronto had other ideas as they clawed their way back to tie the game at 24, and then took the lead with 53 seconds left courtesy of Liam Harjula's 32-yard field goal.

For the second straight year, a questionable call late in the game would haunt the Stampeders. With eight seconds left, instead of opting for a field goal to send the game into overtime, the Stampeders went for the win and QB Bo Levi Mitchell was

intercepted in the end zone with 8 seconds left sealing their fate.

While there are many plays over 60 minutes that fall under the "key" category, unfortunately this one will stick out simply because of the timing of the play, along with the fact they could have forced overtime had they decided to kick the field goal.

For the third straight year, Calgary has raced out to be the class of the league with a 5-0 record, including 3 blowout wins and 2 relatively close games, however, Edmonton is keeping them honest at 4-2.

You can bet that Head Coach Dave Dickinson and GM John Hufnagel will not let the players get complacent after the last 2 very successful regular seasons that were followed by failure in the only game that really matters.

Their next test will be at home against the 2-3 B.C. Lions this Saturday. You can be sure, as the 2018 season goes along, that highlights of the last two Grey Cup games will be regular staples in the Stampeders' dressing room.

Hopefully for Stampeders fans, the outcome in November is different from the last two Grey Cups, assuming of course they get there.

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Major Team's Season Comes To A Close As The Junior A Excelsiors Advance To Finals

by **Brendan Lang**

The Brampton Excelsiors of Major Series Lacrosse had the final game on their 2018 schedule at home against the last place Cobourg Kodiaks.

On Thursday, they went out in front of the home crowd for the final time this season and won the game by a close score of 14-12.

That ends what was a very disappointing season for the Excelsiors as they finished the year with a 5-9-2 record, which gave them 12 points.

Unfortunately, that was not enough to qualify for this year's playoffs as they finished 3 points behind

Brooklin for the fourth and final postseason berth.

Over in Junior A, the Excelsiors continued the roll they were on in this year's postseason as they won the fourth game of the best of seven series to sweep the Toronto Beaches.

Game four of the series was played on July 26, and Brampton won by a score of 8-6 which allowed them to advance to the OJALL finals.

Now as they move onto the finals, they will play a best of seven series against the Orangeville Northmen, who finished the regular season in fourth place with a 12-8 record.



Osprey Valley hosts tournament to help hospice

Avid golfers turned out in droves to help support local community service groups and organizations as part of the annual Osprey Valley Open, with three organizations in particular taking part in a cheque presentation ceremony Tuesday afternoon.

Credit Valley Conservation, the Bethell Hospice Foundation and Caledon Community Services will benefit from an approximate \$50,000, which was

raised from funds donated to Community Charitable Trust, with donations establishing endowments for each organization and distributing funds annually.

"Giving back to organizations that make a positive impact in our communities is a key priority for Osprey Valley and the Osprey Valley Open," said club president Chris Humeniuk.

"We are very pleased to have identified three groups that do some won-

derful and important work to receive charitable donations through the tournament starting this year."

More than \$1 million donated by golf tournaments, held as part of the Mackenzie Tour, which is PGA affiliated, in each of the last two seasons.

"No matter what level a tournament is played at, giving back to the local communities where we play is at the heart of what the PGA Tour stands for.

We are so pleased to see the Osprey Valley Open identify these causes and take the first steps to making a meaningful impact in its first season," said Mackenzie Tour president Jeff Monday in a statement earlier this week.

The 2018 Mackenzie Tour season resumes next week at the Windsor Championship at Ambassador Golf Club in Windsor, Ont.




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Breaking down borders with hip-hop beats

by Alex Gregory



Newcomers to Mississauga will have the chance to “step to the beat” later this month, as the city debuts a new program at the City Centre aimed at breaking down borders with the power of hip-hop.

Beats2Borders, a new cultural residency program, will premiere on Aug. 20, with young residents who are new to Canada invited to participate and explore hip-hop culture, via a series of classes helmed by American hip-hop artists.

The workshop is hosted in partnership with Meridian International Centre and the U.S. Consulate, and will include classes focusing on a variety of subjects, including beat-making, dance and emceeing.

Participants in the program will also have the opportunity to go on a trip to the McMichael Art Gallery in Kleinburg to view a hip-

hop culture exhibit, and will get hands-on experience with many aspects of the history, tools and techniques to craft hip-hop music.

The initiative will conclude with a Block Party in Celebration Square on Aug. 24, featuring performances from the participants.

The program is free to register, but space is limited. Lunch and transportation are included.

The classes will be hosted at the newly-opened Small Arms Building in Lakeview, which will host workshops and other exhibits from artists across the city and beyond.

Registration for the program is open until next Tuesday (Aug. 7).

For more information or to register, visit app.key-survey.com/f/1275235/5a30.

Vibrant Brampton lights up the downtown core!

by Lachman Balani

Summer brings in all kinds of festivals and outdoor activities and this past weekend was no exception, as the Vibrant Brampton festival held its third electric annual event showcasing both local and international talent.

The usual venue used to be the Garden Square by the Rose Theatre, but due to an overwhelming response, the festival moved this year to the bigger Sheridan College grounds near the Steeles and McLaughlin intersection.

Parichay, Harpreet Dhillon, Jassi Kaur and Juno Award nominee Tony Singh with his band Sirens of Shanti, along with several others, enchanted and rocked the

audience!

A fusion rock band, known simply as Karma, infused some Metallica into their music to the delight of the crowd.

Believe it or not, that also brought in the lightning and thunder on Friday night!

However, not only were there versatile performers, but the hosts even encouraged audience participation by requesting people to sing by taking the microphone to them. It was a superb gesture, prompting a few plucky folks to get up and join in a spontaneous karaoke!

There was plenty of food and other vendor tents as well, where one could snag a few souvenirs.



Photos by Lachman Balani

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Tenth annual Latin Festival outdoes itself!

by **Lachman Balani**

As time goes on, festivals grow bigger and better as audience participation grows more enthusiastic, and that is particularly so with Latin festivals that tend to have a universal following.

Practically every culture loves to attend a Latin festival because it is one of the few where every dancer both on stage and in the crowd moves and grooves in measured choreographed steps.

At many other festivals, most folks just move around haphazardly but when one does the hip-swinging salsa, bachata or zumba. The movements are systematic and expressive and a joy to watch!

This past weekend, visitors at Mississauga Celebration Square were sent to “Cielo Latino” (“Latin heaven”) by the colourful performers and participants as they showcased folklore and modern music and dances from Bolivia, El Salvador, Colombia, Mexico, Venezuela, Peru

and many other countries during the tenth annual Latin Festival.

As some commented, it was an apt weekend to hold the festival, as July 28 was also an overseas holiday - Peruvian Independence Day.

To top it all off, there were well known international performers as well brought in from Venezuela and Colombia.

Not to miss was the Latin hip hop genre of music which has taken the world by storm.

Rice and Mango, a very popular salsa group that is a regular feature at many festivals in Canada, brought the two day festival to a close doing some real energetic dance numbers, including music from Carlos Santana and their rip-roaring cover of the global hit and Youtube wonder (more than 5 billion views) “Despacito”.

Way to go “fiesta Latina”. We are eagerly awaiting the 11th edition!



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Brampton Animal Services to conduct door-to-door “checkups”

by **Alex Gregory**

A new initiative aimed at highlighting the benefits of animal licensing will be conducted this summer by representatives from Brampton Animal Services.

The local organization is stressing the importance of getting animals licensed this summer, as it is extremely easy for a pet to run outside and go missing, or for a well-trained animal to get scared and run off.

Members of BAS will be going door-to-door in Brampton to talk to residents about why it’s important to license pets, as the city’s animal control by-law.

The representatives will be accompanied by students, who will be answering questions and going through the

end of this month.

Tickets for infractions will not be issued, but pet owners will have the opportunity to buy a license on the spot if needed.

The area for the “checkups” will center around the Queen St./Bramalea Rd./Bovaird Dr./Highway 410

area. In addition, the organization will host pop-up workshops at local events.

The teams will be out in the community from Monday - Friday during business hours. For more information, call (905) 458-5800 or e-mail BAS at animal.services@brampton.ca.



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Looking at Meditative Awareness

by Elizabeth Banfalvi

In meditation, the more you can be aware, the deeper and more beneficial your meditation is.

If you do a meditation sitting for 30 minutes and there is no awareness, then you are basically sitting there for 30 minutes. I have had many people tell me they end their meditation and they don't feel any different.

Think about why you meditate. You want to "feel" different, and so if there is no awareness, there will be no sense of feeling. You want to feel a more relaxed sense of yourself so how do you do that?

As much as people think that meditation is simple and that you just sit there and meditation happens, it isn't that way or that easy. Meditation develops as you practice it but you have to bring an awareness or mindfulness to it.

Awareness is your five senses in use – see, hear, feel, smell and even taste.

Mindfulness is more of a directed meditation where you have a reason or topic to meditate on.

How often do we know how we feel? At the beginning of a meditation workshop, I ask the participants how are they feeling? The amazing thing is they are all feeling alright or good – so my next question is – why are you here?

I then get them to relax and meditate and do a body scan to find out how they are feeling from their feet up to the top of the head. It is about the temperature of their body part and is it relaxed or tense?

It takes about five or more minutes to do this, and I tell them to remember how they feel because I will be doing this same body scan again at the end.

I ask them what part was tenser and where they can tell the difference after this simple meditation. We then talk about feelings and how they listened to what I was saying. Awareness became stronger

using their senses. They are usually amazed at the breakdown of feelings they felt.

Now they can do something about it.

An expression I made up was "you can only change what you are aware of". Once you know what doesn't feel right, you take the time to relax or understand what and why you are feeling what you are feeling. This is the key.

If it is tense, then we can use the "feeling" of relaxation to release the tension. Another

way is to breathe and exhale, thinking and releasing the tension with the exhalation.

It is very important to use your mindset and thought process to help you in meditation. Your awareness depends on how you can direct your thoughts to improve how you feel.

So often when you just sit and meditate, the problem is that you have many thoughts going through your mind so it is difficult to concentrate.

Once you do this simple ex-

ercise where you have to direct your thoughts to your body parts, it is easier to direct them.

Once you can direct and be aware of what is going on, then your mind can relax because it is singularly thinking not multi-tasking all over the place. The other important aspect is that we will never have a perfectly quiet or dark place to meditate. Once your awareness is trained, your meditation will be easier.

Your five senses – all of us are more proficient in one especially. If you are visual, use visual aids like photos of something you love to see as a helper. If you are more auditory, use music and sounds to help you. If you are tactile, then use texture to help you distinguish feelings.

Even olfaction (smell), using aroma therapy, is very effective to help us change how we feel.

There are so many helpers you can use to offset how you are feeling so you become

more aware and you can direct how you want to feel.

Awareness is how you become more proficient at meditating. We all want to feel a certain way and we can if we know how to direct and understand it. Use colour in your meditations because colours have energy. Music with different instruments help lift our spirits up.

Crystals or nature tidbits in our hands make us more aware of the earth and grounds us to feel more balanced and rooted. Closing our eyes while meditating makes us be aware of how we feel internally rather than only looking beyond ourselves.

Sayings being spoken and interpreted helps directs us in a more positive way. Diffused light keeps our senses softened and more vulnerable.

Take the time to know what works and helps you become a better meditator. Awareness helps in every way and teaches you to be more you in every way.



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Vibrant Brampton takes over Sheridan



Sheridan College's Davis campus was packed this weekend, as the first-ever Vibrant Brampton South Asian Festival took over Lot 3 with performances, art activities for the whole family and much more. Visitors had the chance to enjoy performances from superstar artists Miraya, Kamal Uk, Parichay and many more talented local artists. (Photos Courtesy of Vibrant Brampton)

Local author previews poem from new book



Canadian author and poet Anubha Mehta moved a packed crowd of onlookers to silence during a preview of her new book "Peacock in the Snow" this past weekend at Studio89 in Mississauga, as part of the YTGA Open Mic Series. Mehta, who will officially launch her book next month with a splashy event on Sept. 28 at Ben McNally Books in Toronto (as part of the Toronto International Festival of Authors), performed her debut poem 'Sunflowers'.

Written by a mother for her daughter, the poem was performed in a packed studio to an audience that listened with pin drop silence while being stirred by deep emotions. "This poem was written in a dark moment where the only promise was the possibility of light," said Mehta. "It is about finding our answers in moments of hesitation and finding our resilience in the midst of challenges'.

For more information on the upcoming novel and book launch, visit www.anubhamehta.com. (Submitted Photos)

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